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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT:TOURIST TRAVEL TO GUATEMALA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE FROM TOURISTS PLANNING TO VISIT GUATEMALA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT NEITHER ENCOURAGES NOR DISCOURAGES THEIR TRAVEL. WE DESCRIBE THE URBAN SITUATION AS TENSE BUT CALM DUE TO THE SLOW RELEASE OF THE VOTE COUNT AND CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES OF FRAUD, AND WE POINT OUT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR STREET DEMONSTRATIONS FOR TWELVE YEARS AND THAT AMERICANS ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE THE TARGET OF THE DISAFFECTED.

2. WE WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENT REGARDING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THIS GUIDANCE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FIGURES ESTIMATING THE APPROXIMATE NUMBERS AND LOCATION OF TOURISTS LIKELY TO BE IN THE COUNTRY AT A GIVEN TIME AND AN UPDATE ON THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESIDENT AMERICANS IN COUNTRY. KISSINGER

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